

LAMBERHURST PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN



RESIDENTS' SURVEY Results Summary

Thank you to all those of you who completed the Residents' Survey, the results are summarised in this leaflet and will form the basis of a number of public workshops, scheduled for later in the year. This is our opportunity to create a vision for our parish and our community for the next 15 years. This vision will become the foundation of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Four public workshops are planned between the end of September and the beginning of November. They will create a vision for our Parish and community for the next 15 years and use these results to build the foundations of our Neighbourhood Plan:

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| • Vision and Objectives | 27 th September | 20.00-22.00 | Village Memorial Hall |
| • Housing and Design | 25 th October | 20.00-22.00 | Village Memorial Hall |
| • Traffic and Economy | 1 st November | 20.00-22.00 | Elephants Head, Hook Green |
| • Landscape and Community | 8 th November | 20.00-22.00 | The Chequers |

Please come along and share your ideas with us, the sessions will be very informal and we will be serving refreshments.

Graham White
Chair NDP Steering Group

Was our Survey representative?

- 330 surveys were completed representing a response of 46% of the number of paper surveys that were circulated.
- 55% of respondents were female and 45% male.
- Age split of residents completing the survey is shown on Chart 1 and again this is in line with our expectations although participation rates do differ slightly across different age categories.

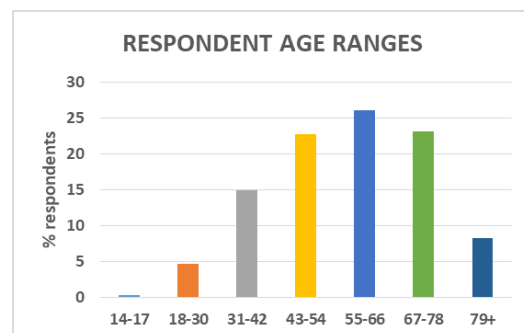


Chart 1

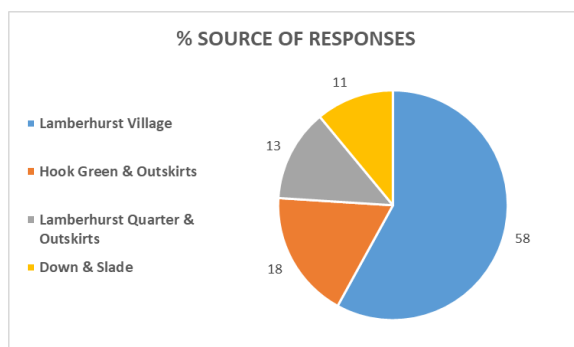


Chart 2

Once again thank you for taking the time to complete the Residents Survey as you can see from Chart 2 we received feedback from all areas of our Parish.

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Housing and Design

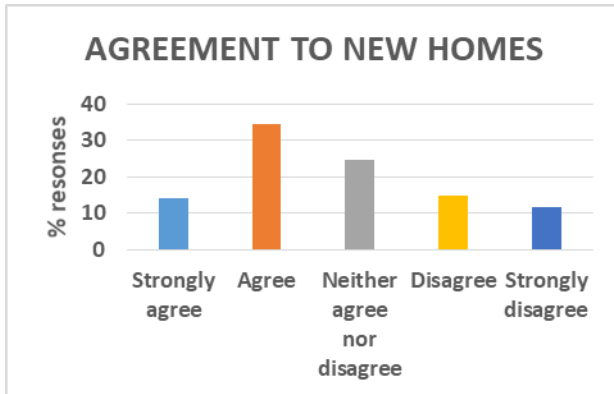


Chart 3

48% of respondents either strongly agreed or agreed that there was a need for new homes to be built in the Parish over the next 15 years whereas 27% disagreed or strongly disagreed (Chart 3).

- When asked how many new homes should be built over the next 15 years there was a strong preference for the two responses of up to 60 new homes (see Chart 4). Even 60 new homes over the next 15 years would only mean an average annual build rate of 4 per year.

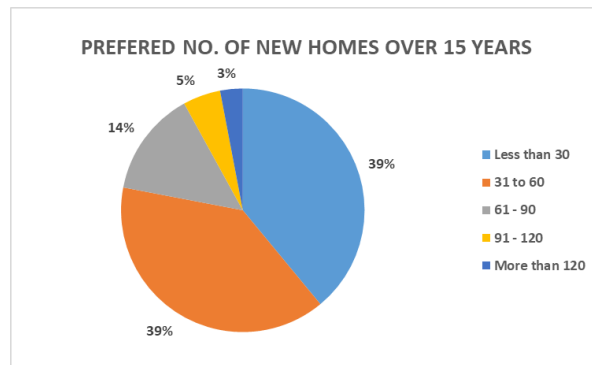


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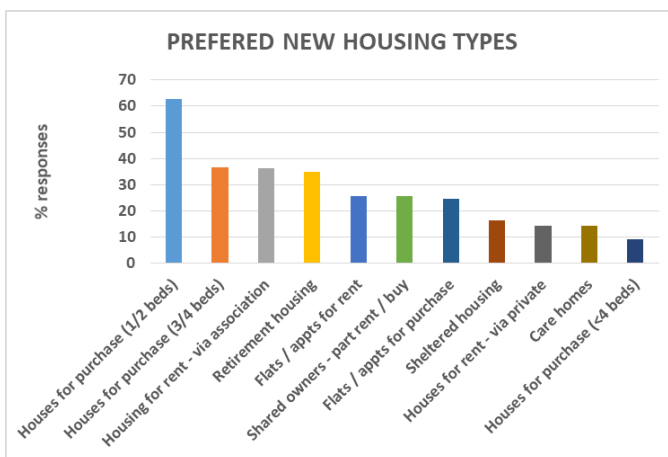


Chart 5

Most respondents believed there is a need for smaller homes and flats alongside social housing for rent and retirement housing rather than larger housing for purchase (Chart 5). There was general agreement with the need to build affordable housing for people with local connections on modest incomes and having a policy that supports self-build homes for local people. Respondents generally felt that housing development should consist of a range of small-scale developments.

- There was very broad agreement to the design criteria detailed in the survey, Namely that development should be:
 - Sympathetic to its surroundings
 - Landscaping should be in harmony with the surrounding area
 - Adequate parking is provided
 - Dark skies are important
 - The size and mix of buildings are important
 - Infill development should respect/maintain space between existing housing
 - Provide adequate external amenity space for refuse and recycling storage.

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Traffic and Economy

- 43% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the Parish's roads were adequate for the traffic now using them whilst 43% disagreed or strongly disagreed.
- Key concerns (Chart 6) were: Speed of traffic, road maintenance, pedestrian safety, size of vehicles using the roads and noise pollution.
- The roads causing the most concern were:
 - Congestion at peak times on the A21 in Lamberhurst Quarter
 - Spray Hill
 - School Hill
 - Town hill
 - The Broadway
 - Furnace Lane through Hook Green
 - The crossroads on the Down
 - Parking in Brewer Street/Hopgarden Close.

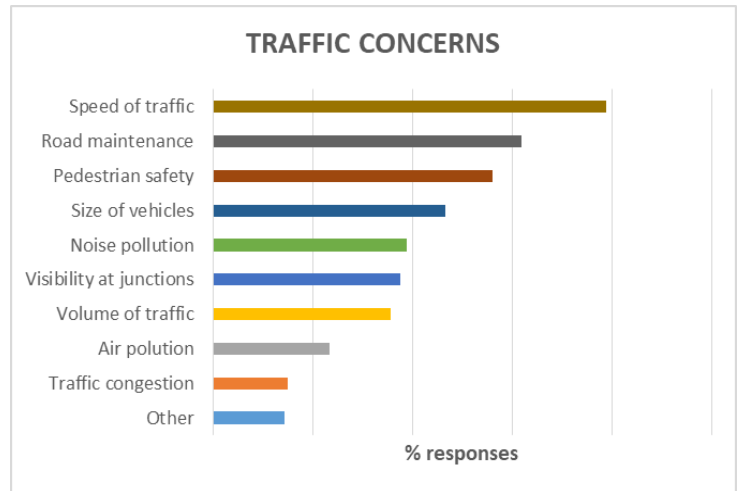


Chart 6

- The 3 most popular road safety improvements were: reduced speed limits, improved or more pavements and use of speed cameras.
- Many respondents voiced concern that motorists passing through the Parish frequently abuse or ignore the traffic calming measures that are already in place.

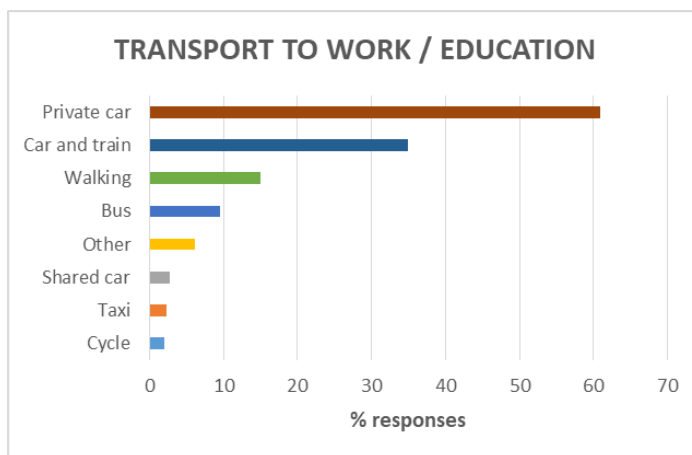


Chart 7

Only 28% of respondents use the limited bus service through the Parish and many stated they would use buses if a more frequent service was available.

Chart 7 shows the types of transport used by respondents to reach their place of work or education with private car and a combination of car and train being the predominate types used.

- 62% of respondents were in full or part-time work of which 19% were self-employed, while 29% of respondents were wholly retired from work. 32% of respondents who work did so regularly from home. However 79% of respondents work outside of the Parish.
- Over 21% of respondents run a business from home and of those 59% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the telecoms infrastructure available to them compared to 31% who were satisfied or very satisfied.

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Landscape and Community

- There is very strong agreement that important Local Green Spaces should be designated in order that they receive the same protection from developments as our listed buildings. The favourite 5 green spaces listed by respondents were:
 - Chequers Field and playing fields
 - The Vineyard and surroundings
 - The Down
 - Hook Green Common
 - The Village Green opposite the shop.
- Similarly, there was very strong agreement that we cherish the views from our public open spaces with the most common favourites being:
 - The views from the Vineyard across the Village and to Bayham Abbey
 - The view from the Scotney Estate across to the Golf Course and Church
 - The view when entering the Village from the top of School Hill.

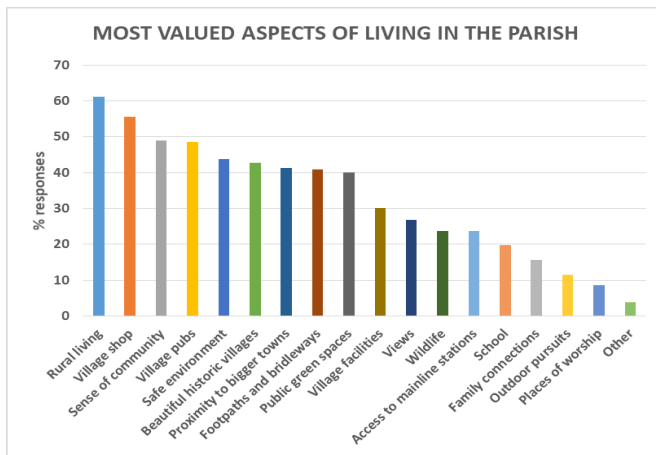


Chart 8

Chart 8 shows what we most value about living in the Parish with Rural Living and Sense of Community alongside Village shop and pubs being the most commonly chosen.

The Doctors Surgery, the shop and Post Office, pubs and open spaces, footpaths and bridleways are the amenities we most value.

- Our concerns are listed in Chart 9 with litter, car parking on streets and pavements, dog fouling and public transport being the main concerns. Whilst the facilities we would most like to see developed or improved are broadband and mobile phone coverage.

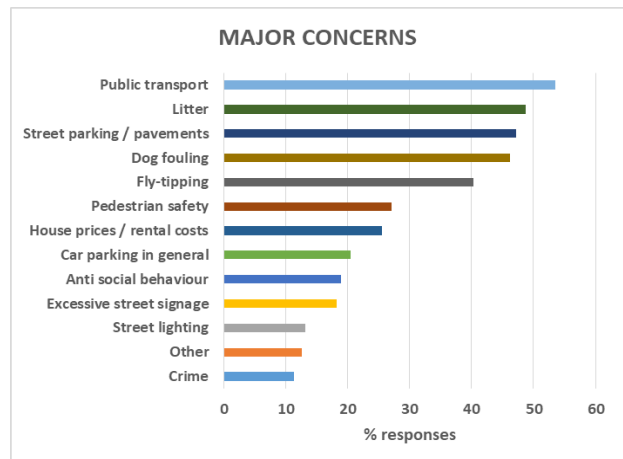


Chart 9

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